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SUBJ: RICE: USG AND GOJ CONCESSIONAL RICE SALES TO KOREA

REF: A. SEOUL 2268; B. STATE 67207; C. SEOUL 2199;

D. STATE 59346

1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED UMR QUESTION WITH TANAKA, STAFF MEMBER, SPECIALIZED AGENCIES DIVISION, UN BUREAU AND MUTSUO, STAFF MEMBER, NORTHEAST ASIA DIVISION, ASIAN AFFAIRS BUREAU, FONO F. THEY SAID THAT IN LATEST REPORT ( APRIL 12) OF CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN JAPANESE EMBASSY OFFICIALS AND ROKG OFFICIALS IN SEOUL, EMBASSY OFFICIALS HAD BEEN INFORMED THAT ROKG HAD NO OBJECTION IN PRINCIPLE TO UMR FOR CY 1973. EMBOFF INFORMED THEM THAT ROKG OFFICIALS HAD TOLD US IN SEOUL THAT IF ROKG AGREED TO UMR THIS YEAR, THEY WERE FEARFUL OF SETTING A PRECEDENT FOR NEXT YEAR WHEN ROKG ANTICIPATED IT WOULD SEEK FURTHER CONCESSIONAL JAPANESE RICE ( REF A) . TANAKA WAS SURPRISED TO HEAR THIS AND SAID HE DID NOT UNDERSTAND WHY ROKG TOLD USG THEY DID NOT WANT UMR AT ALL, YET TOLD JAPANESE EMBASSY IT WAS ACCEPTABLE.

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2. IN REGARD POSSIBLE AVAILABILITY JAPANESE RICE IN JFY 1974, TANAKA SAID THE GOJ HAD NO PLANS FOR THE EXPORT OF RICE TO KOREA NEXT YEAR. HE THEN EXPLAINED GOJ POLICY ON RICE IN SUBSTANCE SIMILAR TO EMBASSY REPORT IN SEPTTEL.

3. TA UKA SAID THAT INSTRUCTION WILL BE GOING TO JAPANESE EMBASSY SEOUL TO INFORM ROKG THAT GOJ CONTINUES TO REQUIRE UMR FOR THIS AGREEMENT. INSTRUCTION WILL ALSO BE SENT TO JAPANESE EMBASSY WASHINGTON TO RECTIFY OVERSIGHT IN NOT INFORMING DEPARTMENT OF GOJ DESIRE TO INCLUDE UMR IN ITS RICE AGREEMENT WITH ROKG ( REF B).  
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